



All American citizens are reminded that 2006 is an election year in the United States. Overseas citizens are eligible to participate in primary, run-off, and special elections that occur throughout the year, as well as the general elections in November. A calendar of election dates is available on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/primarycal.html>.

The Voting Assistance Officer at the U.S. Embassy in Warsaw, Poland is available to answer questions about absentee voting. To contact the Voting Assistance Officer, call 022 504 2784 or send an e-mail to acswarsaw@state.gov.

You are encouraged to register to vote and/or request absentee ballots as early in the year as possible to ensure that you will receive all ballots for which you are eligible.

The following is the basic absentee voting process:

You complete an application form (see below) and send it to local election officials in the U.S.

- The local official approves your request, or contacts you for further information
- The local official sends you an absentee ballot
- You vote the ballot and send it back in time to meet your state's deadline

Registration and ballot request procedures and deadlines vary by state. Information about your state's procedures is available on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/vag/vagchapter3.html>

There may be late changes to your state's voting calendar, procedures or deadlines. When these occur, the Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) will issue a News Release. News Releases are available on the Internet at <http://www.fvap.gov/pubs/releases.html>.

Overseas Americans may contact Democrats Abroad at: daviddebenedetti@yahoo.com and Republicans Abroad at: md@bi-solutions.biz for absentee voting information, or for assistance in registering to vote or to request absentee ballots.

Non-partisan information about candidates, their voting records, and their positions on issues is widely available and easy to obtain via the Internet. You may use the links appearing on the Federal Voting Assistance Program website at <http://www.fvap.gov/links/otherlinks.html>, or you can choose to use one of the many popular search engines to locate articles and information.

Again, we strongly encourage you to begin this process as soon as possible. Should questions or problems occur, you would still be able to address them in time to vote in your state's primary and general elections.

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